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SUBJECT: EMBASSY STAFFING/MARITIME

REF: STATE 247505; MOSCOW 16283

1. EUR/SOV DEPUTY DIRECTOR EDGAR CALLED IN SOVIET EMBASSY
FIRST SECRETARY TREPYKHALIN DECEMBER 20 TO GIVE HIM LETTER
CONTAINING US RESPONSE TO RENEWED ATTEMPT BY SOVIET
EMBASSY TO RENT OFFICE SPACE OUTSIDE CHANCERY FOR MARITIME
ATTACHE AND ASSISTANT. WILLEMS AND TREICHEL OF SOV ALSO
PRESENT.

2. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF DEPARTMENT LETTER WHICH WAS
SIGNED BY SOV ACTING DIRECTOR BARRY:

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BEGIN TEXT. THIS LETTER IS IN RESPONSE TO YOUR LETTER OF
DECEMBER 17 REQUESTING PERMISSION FOR THE EMBASSY TO
LOCATE ITS MARITIME ATTACHE AT 1101 16TH STREET, N.W.,
WASHINGTON, D.C., OUTSIDE THE CONFINES OF THE MAIN
EMBASSY BUILDING.

THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE WISHES TO REAFFIRM TO THE EMBASSY ITS STANDING POLICY THAT ANY SUCH REQUESTS TO RENT NEW

OFFICES OUTSIDE THE MAIN EMBASSY BUILDING REQUIRE THE PRIOR APPROVAL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE. THIS POLICY HAS BEEN STATED TO THE EMBASSY NUMEROUS TIMES IN THE PAST, MOST RECENTLY BY WILLIAM EDGAR, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF SOVIET UNION AFFAIRS, TO EMBASSY FIRST SECRETARY TREPYKHALIN ON OCTOBER 14 OF THIS YEAR. ON THAT DATE MR. EDGAR ALSO COMMUNICATED TO MR. TREPYKHALIN THE DEPARTMENT'S DECISION THAT PERMISSION FOR THE MARITIME ATTACHE'S OFFICES TO BE LOCATED OUTSIDE THE EMBASSY BUILDING WAS DENIED. THAT DECISION WAS ALSO COMMUNICATED TO THE OWNER OF THE 16TH STREET PROPERTY.

I WOULD LIKE TO RECONFIRM THE DECISION WHICH MR. EDGAR COMMUNICATED TO MR. TREPYKHALIN ON OCTOBER 14. TAKING INTO ACCOUNT CONSIDERATIONS OF RECIPROCITY AND THE SERIOUS PROBLEMS WHICH PERSIST IN OUR MARITIME RELATIONS, THE DEPARTMENT IS UNABLE TO PERMIT THE LOCATION OF THE SOVIET MARITIME ATTACHE OUTSIDE THE PREMISES OF THE EMBASSY. THE STATUS OF MATTERS RELATING TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF NEW CHANCERY BUILDINGS HAS NO BEARING ON THIS DECISION.

THIS DECISION WILL BE COMMUNICATED TO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE OWNERS OF THE PROPERTY AT 1101 16TH STREET. END TEXT.

3. EDGAR TOLD TREPYKHALIN WE HAD BEEN VERY CONCERNED TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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GET A LETTER FROM CONSULAR CHIEF KAVALEROV STATING THEIR SOVIET MARITIME ATTACHE AND ASSISTANT WERE PLANNING TO MOVE INTO RENTED OFFICE OUTSIDE CHANCERY ON DECEMBER 22. (COPY OF SOVIET LETTER BEING POUCHED.) THIS INDICATED EMBASSY HAD IGNORED DECISION WHICH US HAD COMMUNICATED TO IT ON OCTOBER 14 (STATE 247505). TREPYKHALIN RESPONDED THAT ALTHOUGH KAVALEROV SIGNED THE LETTER, THE MATTER WAS DISCUSSED WITH VORONTSOV AND DOBRYNIN. THEY THOUGHT THERE WAS JUSTIFICATION FOR THEIR ACTION BECAUSE OF PROBLEMS IN CONSTRUCTION OF US AND SOVIET CHANCERIES. HE SAID THE SOVIET EMBASSY WAS OVERCROWDED.

4. EDGAR RESPONDED THAT THE US EMBASSY IN MOSCOW WAS ALSO OVERCROWDED. HE NOTED THAT THE SOVIET MARITIME ATTACHE HAD TOLD THE OWNER OF THE BUILDING WHERE THE OFFICES ARE LOCATED THAT HE COULD IGNORE US DECISION OF OCTOBER 14. TREICHEL ALSO POINTED OUT THAT THE EMBASSY HAD COMPOUNDED ITS OWN PROBLEM BY ASSIGNING AN ASSISTANT

MARITIME ATTACHE WHO IN OUR VIEW WAS ENTIRELY SUPERFLUOUS.

5. TREPYKHALIN SAID THERE WAS NO INTENTION ON PART OF EMBASSY TO IGNORE THE STATE DEPARTMENT. HE SAID ASSIGNMENT OF MARITIME ATTACHE AND HIS ASSISTANT HAD BEEN INTENDED TO ENCOURAGE DEVELOPMENT OF MARITIME RELATIONS. HE CLAIMED THAT AVERIN OF MINISTRY OF MERCHANT MARINE HAD TOLD BLACKWELL OF MARAD THAT ATTACHE WOULD HAVE OFFICE OUTSIDE EMBASSY.

6. TREICHEL RESPONDED THAT WE HAD INDEED WELCOMED ASSIGNMENT OF SOVIET MARITIME ATTACHE IN THE HOPE THAT HE WOULD HELP IMPROVE BILATERAL MARITIME RELATIONS, BUT ATTACHE HAD SO FAR FAILED TO DO THIS. TREICHEL SAID HE HAD HEARD NO MENTION OF ATTACHE HAVING OFFICES OUTSIDE EMBASSY. EVEN IF THERE HAD BEEN, THIS DID NOT RELIEVE SOVIET EMBASSY OF OBLIGATION TO SEEK APPROVAL FORMALLY FROM DEPARTMENT.
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7. EDGAR ALSO REMINDED TREPYKHALIN THAT WE NEEDED A WRITTEN RESPONSE TO OUR NOTE OF NOVEMBER 11 ON THE SOVIET MARITIME PRESENCE. WE HAD TO HAVE THIS BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR. TREPYKHALIN SAID THAT THE RESPONSE, A NOTE, WAS READY AND WAITING FOR SIGNATURE.
ROBINSON

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